

SHARE Program Hits CPR Home Run at Diamondbacks' Game

With 35,337 in attendance at Chase Field, the SHARE (Save Hearts in Arizona Registry & Education) Program hosted the Community Corner at the Diamondbacks' game on Tuesday night, July 22, 2008. D-backs' fans, as well as many Chicago Cubs' fans, were taught Continuous Chest Compression CPR (CCC-CPR). Over 100 people were formally trained and given t-shirts with CCC-CPR instructions to help further spread the word about this easy to learn, easy to perform life-saving technique. Those trained were encouraged to tell others about the 3 basic CCC steps--if an adult suddenly collapses: 1) call 911; 2) locate the center of the chest; 3) Push hard, Push fast until paramedics arrive. Instructions cards were given out and those asking for more information were referred to www.azshare.gov.

The SHARE Program was developed by the Arizona Department of Health Services' Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System in part to train lay bystanders in the proper response to a sudden cardiac arrest emergency. The University of Arizona's Sarver Heart Center and Mayo Clinic also support the mission of the SHARE Program—to see Arizona have the highest survival rate from out of hospital cardiac arrest in the world.

SHARE intends to spread the word about CCC-CPR at other sports venues in the state.

